

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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A method and system for providing text-to-audio conversion of an electronic book displayed on a viewer. A user selects a portion of displayed text and converts it into audio. The text-to-audio conversion may be performed via a header file and pre-recorded audio for each electronic book, via text-to-speech conversion, or other available means. The user may select manual or automatic text-to audio conversion. The automatic text-to-audio conversion may be performed by automatically turning the pages of the electronic book or by the user manually turning the pages. The user may also select to convert the entire electronic book, or portions of it, into audio. The user may also select an option to receive an audio definition of a particular word in the electronic book. The present invention allows a user to control the system by selecting options from a screen or by entering voice commands.

~~A viewer for displaying an electronic book having various text to speech and speech recognition features. The viewer permits a user to select text in a displayed electronic book and have it converted into corresponding speech. In addition, a user may have the viewer automatically perform text to speech conversion for an entire displayed electronic book or a particular page of the electronic book. The viewer also permits a user to enter voice commands.~~